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To whom it may concern:

As the North Sound Baykeeper, active in Whatcom and Skagit Counties, I have read the comments drafted by Smith & Lowney, on behalf of Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. I am in agreement with the content of those comments. Please incorporate them by reference into my own comments.

In Whatcom County, the North Sound Baykeeper program has been very active in watchdogging construction and industrial sites. We have found numerous stormwater violations, ranging from the technical to the small to the outrageous. We have also found that stormwater inspections by Department of Ecology, County, and City inspectors are few and far between. In order to implement these regulations, far more oversight needs to occur of all of the regulated entities, construction sites, industrial facilities and municipalities.

I look forward to reviewing the final permit.

Sincerely,
Wendy S. Steffensen
North Sound Baykeeper
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